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SUBJECT: LOS: SUBCOMMITTEE I, WORKING GROUP I

1. WORKING GROUP (WG) BEGAN CONSIDERATION OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL USING COMPARATIVE TABLE ISSUED BY SECRETARIAT. AT US SUGGESTION, WG AGREED TO BEGIN BY GOING THROUGH TABLE SUBJECT HEADINGS AND EXAMINING EACH POWER AND FUNCTION TO CONSIDER WHETHER IT SHOULD BE PLACED IN ASSEMBLY OR COUNCIL. ON COMPLETION OF THIS FIRST, SHORT PHASE, WG IS TO UNDERTAKE REEXAMINATION AND PREPARATION OF PRECISE TEXTS DEALING WITH POWERS AND FUNCTIONS.

2. US REP MADE GENERAL STATEMENT ON US VIEWS ON POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF ASSEMBLY. HE SAID THAT SEABED AUTHORITY WOULD HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGEMENT OF SEABED RESOURCE EXPLOITATION AND USG CONSIDERS IT UNCLASSIFIED

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BOTH IMPOSSIBLE AND IMPRACTICAL TO GIVE THIS RESPONSI-

BILITY TO ASSEMBLY. RESOURCE ACTIVITIES ON SEABEDS BY COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES INVOLVE LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY. SEABED MINING COMPANIES MIGHT NOT INVEST IF DECISIONS MADE BY COUNCIL COULD BE LATER ALTERED BY ASSEMBLY. IN USG VIEW, ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE ONLY FOR BUDGET AND FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON CERTAIN SUBJECTS. US REP STATED HE CANNOT IMAGINE BUSINESS FLOURISHING UNDER ANY SYSTEM IN WHICH PLENARY BODY HAS MAJOR POWERS.

3. WG DEVOTED MOST OF TIME TO LONG DISCUSSION OF WHETHER ASSEMBLY WOULD BE "SUPREME ORGAN" OF AUTHORITY. SEVERAL DELS URGED THAT ALL REFERENCE TO SUPREMACY OF ONE ORGAN OVER ANOTHER BE DELETED WHILE OTHERS INSISTED THAT ASSEMBLY'S CONTROL OF COUNCIL BE SPELLED OUT.

4. USSR REP STRESSED THAT ANY HIERARCHY OF ORGANS IS UNACCEPTABLE AND HE URGED THIS PROVISION BE DELETED. PRC REP ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH VIEWS OF PERU, TANZANIA AND OTHER LDC'S TO EFFECT THAT ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE SUPREME ORGAN. HE STATED THAT THOSE WHO WISH TO EXTEND POWERS OF COUNCIL INTEND THEREBY TO CONTROL AUTHORITY THROUGH COUNCIL AND DEFY WISHES OF LDC'S. AT CLOSE OF MEETING, RESPONDING TO COMMENTS BY MANY LDC REPS THAT BY DENYING ASSEMBLY OVERRIDING POWERS, AUTHORITY WOULD NOT BE DEMOCRATIC, US REP RETURNED TO ISSUE, STATING THAT US PROPOSALS FOR RULE MAKING ARE INTENDED TO ENSURE DEMOCRATIC CONTROL, I.E., THAT COUNCIL WOULD OPERATE UNDER GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY VAST MAJORITY OF MEMBER STATES.

5. WG AGREED TO CONVENE SMALL INFORMAL GROUP JULY 11 TO PREPARE ALTERNATIVE TEXTS DEALING WITH RELATIVE ROLES OF ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL. WG ITSELF WILL PROCEED WITH DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS OF ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL.BASSIN

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